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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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		Date of mailing <i>day/month/year</i> 07 JUN 2001 <i>45</i>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 129949		IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
International Application No. PCT/AU00/00894	International Filing Date 26 July 2000	Priority Date 28 July 1999	
Applicant TENIX DEFENCE SYSTEMS PTY LTD et al			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.

2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.

3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translations to those Offices.

4. **REMINDER**

 The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices)(Article 39(1))(see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

 Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

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TENT COOPERATION TREAT PCT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 129949	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416).
International Application No. PCT/AU00/00894	International Filing Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 26 July 2000	Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 28 July 1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Int. Cl. ⁷ F41H 3/00, B63G 13/02		
Applicant TENIX DEFENCE SYSTEMS PTY LTD et al		

1.	This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2.	<p>This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s).</p>
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:	
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II	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority
III	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI	<input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited
VII	<input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application
VIII	<input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 25 January 2001	Date of completion of the report 4 June 2001
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*
- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☐ the description, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , filed with the demand,
 pages , received on with the letter of
- ☐ the claims, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
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- ☐ the drawings, pages , as originally filed,
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:
- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished
4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig.
5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 8-9, 13, 19-26	YES
	Claims 1-7, 10-12, 14-18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 8-9, 13	YES
	Claims 1-7, 10-12, 14-18, 19-26	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-26	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

US 5788110 A

NOVELTY CLAIMS 1-7, 10-12, 14-18

The above document discloses, reflective, lightweight (claim 12), metal foils (claim 15) to retrofit to a vehicle and clearly also clearly suitable, at least to a degree, to retrofit to a vessel. The foils are designed to be stretched so as to form uniform meshes (claims 10-11, 14) of prismatically oriented (claims 2-3, 7) elements. The thickness of the foils fall within the ranges defined in claims 17-18; although the angles at which the prismatic elements are oriented are not given, it is clear that they are of substantial obliquity (claims 4-6) and that their angling will serve to stiffen the foils (claim 16).

INVENTIVE STEP CLAIMS 1-7, 10-12, 14-18, 19-26

For claims 1-7, 10-12, 14-18: see above.

Although described as suitable for land vehicles or aircraft, a person skilled in the field could readily adapt, or assume its analogous applicability, to naval vessels (claim 19-26) or the like without having to employ the inventive faculty.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT												
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.										
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